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SUBJECT: SALE OF AIR DEFENSE AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
EQUIPMENT TO LIBYA

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1. A SOURCE THOUGHT TO BE RELIABLE AND KNOWN TO HAVE ACCESS TO MID-LEVEL TECHNICIANS IN THE GERMAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY TOLD THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 10 THAT THE LARGE GERMAN ELECTRONICS FIRM AEG TELEFUNKEN HAD CONTRACTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA TO SUPPLY A SYSTEM TO THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY PURPOSES. THE SYSTEM CONSISTS OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED MINI-COMPUTERS AND SIX TO TEN LARGE COMPUTERS. FROM THIS THE SOURCE EXTRAPULATED THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DISPLAYS AND FOUR TO FIVE OPERATIONS SITES. THE COMPUTERS, HE SAID, WERE BEING DESIGNED TO INTERFACE WITH SOVIET MADE RADARS POSSESSED BY THE LIBYA AIR FORCE. HE SAID THAT IN LIBYA THE AIR FORCE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (ATC) AND THAT THE SYSTEM COULD BE USED FOR ATC OPERATIONS BUT ALSO OBVIOUSLY WAS USEFUL FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS. HE SAID THAT WORK ON THE SYSTEM WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS IN BOTH THE FRG AND
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